

Sustainable Equity Fund

Quarterly Commentary

Portfolio Review

Stocks posted strong gains. U.S. stocks rallied as concerns about problems in the banking system eased, Congress avoided a debt crisis and the Federal Reserve paused interest rate hikes.

Growth stocks outperformed. Growth stocks easily outperformed value stocks in the quarter, aided by the strong performance of technology stocks, especially those with artificial intelligence connections. Large-cap stocks outperformed small- and mid-cap stocks.

Life sciences tools and services detracted. An above-benchmark allocation to the lagging industry along with stock selection hampered returns in the health care sector. Agilent Technologies was a key industry detractor.

Consumer discretionary weighed on performance. Stock choices in the sector had a negative impact on returns, led by automobile parts dealer Aptiv. An underweight position in electric vehicle maker Tesla relative to the benchmark also detracted. Tesla rallied on agreements to share charging stations with other electric vehicle makers and on anticipation of strong quarterly sales.

Underweighting oil, gas and consumable fuels relative to the benchmark was helpful. Oil prices fell as investors worried about the impact of a slowing global economy and weakening demand. This led to a sell-off in the energy sector.

Limited positioning changes. We maintained what we believed was a relatively balanced approach to sector exposures with only modest overweights and underweights compared to the benchmark.

Key Contributors

Microsoft. This bellwether technology company reported better-than-expected earnings, helped by strong gains in its business segment and improved operating expenses. We believe Microsoft is well positioned to benefit from artificial intelligence, having taken an ownership stake in OpenAI (ChatGPT's parent company), which is doing all of its model training on Azure, Microsoft's cloud computing platform.

NVIDIA. This semiconductor company beat quarterly expectations and raised guidance due to demand for its graphics processing unit products for generative artificial intelligence, which relies on NVIDIA for training models and inference (utilizing the model to perform a function).

Exxon Mobil. Not owning this oil giant was helpful to relative results as concerns about global economic growth and oil demand led to a drop in oil prices.

Key Detractors

Broadcom. Not owning this semiconductor company detracted from relative returns. Broadcom delivered solid earnings results and recently commented on its strong exposure to artificial intelligence, specifically in its custom ASIC and networking businesses.

Goal and Strategy

Long-term capital growth with income as a secondary objective.

Portfolio Management Team

Name	Start Date	
	Industry	Company
Joseph Reiland, CFA	1995	2000
Justin Brown, CFA	1993	2000
Rob Bove, CPA	1994	2005

Top 10 Holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp	8.58
Apple Inc	5.32
Alphabet Inc	4.27
NVIDIA Corp	3.26
Amazon.com Inc	2.50
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.90
NextEra Energy Inc	1.80
Visa Inc	1.80
Prologis Inc	1.72
Meta Platforms Inc	1.70

As of 6/30/2023

The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security. Equity holdings are grouped to include common shares, depository receipts, rights and warrants issued by the same company. Fund holdings subject to change.

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Apple. This consumer electronics company's stock rose due to what investors perceived as its defensive qualities and its decent financial strength. As a result, our underweight allocation hurt relative results. Our research indicates that although Apple's new virtual reality headset is strong from a technology perspective, its financial impact will likely be modest.

Agilent Technologies. This life sciences tools and services company's stock fell. Agilent's management noted an increasingly challenging environment and reduced its financial outlook for revenue and earnings.

Notable Trades

EOG Resources. We initiated a position in this oil and gas producer to provide what we believed was balanced exposure to the energy sector. We think the company is in a strong financial position as a result of its focus on low-cost production, and we like that it provides exposure to carbon capture technologies.

International Business Machines. We established a holding in this technology company because we think its consulting and software businesses will benefit from increased demand for artificial intelligence.

SBA Communications. We eliminated our position in SBA Communications because we think tower real estate investment trusts will experience depressed growth for the next two to three years following initial investments in 5G.

Vital Farms. We sold our small position in this egg and farm products provider to fund opportunities that we believed were better aligned with our strategy.

Portfolio Positioning

Our process uses bottom-up financial analysis aimed at identifying what we believe are growing, large-cap companies demonstrating sustainable corporate behaviors. Rather than screen out certain industries or sectors, we seek to identify companies with the strongest financial growth and environmental, social and governance (ESG) characteristics in each sector based on our research. As a result of this approach, our sector and industry allocations reflect those areas of the market where we are finding opportunities at a given time.

Higher prices and recession risk suggest difficult, volatile conditions on the horizon. Markets will continue to grapple with pricing pressures and high interest rates, even as the global economy teeters on the verge of recession. Nevertheless, we continue to believe that well-run businesses in strong positions with respect to their competition and with ESG practices in place are best able to navigate current market conditions.

Our process is finding opportunities in the industrials sector. The sector is home to what we believe are several longer-term ESG themes, including decarbonization, industrial automation, building efficiency, reshoring of manufacturing back to the U.S. and electrification.

We continue to overweight health care relative to the benchmark. We have been favoring managed health care, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology holdings, as we believe these areas are more insulated from the current high-price environment. In addition, our research indicates these businesses have historically held up better in recessionary environments.

Our exposure to information technology decreased on a relative basis. Nevertheless, the sector remains a large absolute allocation. Our process is focused on companies we characterize as ESG leaders with improving financial strength. At present, we believe there are opportunities in the electronic equipment, instruments and components industry and have identified select companies in IT services.

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Average Annual Total Returns for Period Ended 6/30/2023

Class	Qtr (%)	1 Year (%)	3 Year (%)	5 Year (%)	10 Year (%)	Since Inception (%)	Inception Date	Gross Expense Ratio (%)
Investor	7.53	19.62	13.04	12.09	12.24	10.22	7/29/05	0.79
I	7.59	19.85	13.27	12.32	12.47	10.44	7/29/05	0.59
R5	7.58	19.87	13.27	12.31	12.47	13.30	4/10/17	0.59
R6	7.62	20.03	13.43	-	-	12.95	4/1/19	0.44
S&P 500 Index	8.74	19.59	14.60	12.30	12.86	-	-	-

Historical performance for the R5 Class prior to its inception is based on the performance of I Class shares, which have the same expenses as the R5 Class.

Expense ratio is as of the fund's current prospectus. The I Class minimum investment amount is \$5 million (\$3 million for endowments and foundations) per fund. The R5 Share Class is available only to participants in group employer-sponsored retirement plans where a financial intermediary provides recordkeeping services to plan participants.

Returns or yields for the fund would have been lower if a portion of the management fee had not been waived. Review the annual or semiannual report for the most current information.

Periods greater than one year have been annualized.

You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses carefully before you invest. The fund's prospectus or summary prospectus, which can be obtained at americancentury.com, contains this and other information about the fund, and should be read carefully before investing.

The value and/or returns of a portfolio will fluctuate with market and economic conditions.

Different investment styles tend to shift in and out of favor depending upon market and economic conditions, as well as investor sentiment. A fund may outperform or underperform other funds that employ a different investment style.

Although the fund's performance has historically benefited from investments in initial public offerings (IPOs), future IPO exposure likely will be limited by the fund's investment process.

International investing involves special risk considerations, including economic and political conditions, inflation rates and currency fluctuations.

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Many of American Century's investment strategies incorporate the consideration of environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors into their investment processes in addition to traditional financial analysis. However, when doing so, the portfolio managers may not consider ESG factors with respect to every investment decision and, even when such factors are considered, they may conclude that other attributes of an investment outweigh ESG considerations when making decisions for the portfolio. The consideration of ESG factors may limit the investment opportunities available to a portfolio, and the portfolio may perform differently than those that do not incorporate ESG considerations. ESG data used by the portfolio managers often lacks standardization, consistency, and transparency, and for certain companies such data may not be available, complete, or accurate.

ESG Definitions

- **ESG Integrated:** An investment strategy that integrates ESG factors aims to make investment decisions through the analysis of ESG factors alongside other financial variables in an effort to deliver superior, long-term, risk-adjusted returns. Therefore, ESG factors may limit the investment opportunities available, and the portfolio may perform differently than those that do not incorporate ESG factors. Portfolio managers have ultimate discretion in how ESG issues may impact a portfolio's holdings, and depending on their analysis, investment decisions may not be affected by ESG factors.
- **ESG Focused:** An investment strategy that focuses on ESG factors seeks to invest, under normal market conditions, in securities that meet certain ESG criteria or standards in an effort to promote sustainable characteristics, in addition to seeking superior, long-term, risk-adjusted returns. This investment focus may limit the investment opportunities available to a portfolio. Therefore, the portfolio may underperform or perform differently than other portfolios that do not have an ESG investment focus. ESG-focused investment strategies include but are not limited to impact, best-in-class, positive screening, exclusionary, and thematic approaches.

